

VZCZCXR06131
PP RUEHIK RUEHYG
DE RUEHAK #4061 1930634

ZNR UUUUU ZZH
P 120634Z JUL 06
FM AMEMBASSY ANKARA

TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7202
INFO RUEHZG/NATO EU COLLECTIVE PRIORITY
RUEHTA/AMEMBASSY ALMATY PRIORITY 2215
RUEHBUL/AMEMBASSY KABUL PRIORITY 0518
RUEHBY/AMEMBASSY CANBERRA PRIORITY 0263
RUEHUL/AMEMBASSY SEOUL PRIORITY 0191
RUEHGP/AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE PRIORITY 0073
RUEHKO/AMEMBASSY TOKYO PRIORITY 0938
RUEHWL/AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON PRIORITY 0103
RUEHVB/AMEMBASSY ZAGREB PRIORITY 0173
RHEHAAA/NSC WASHDC PRIORITY
RHMFIUU/425ABS IZMIR TU//CC// PRIORITY
RHMFIUU/39ABG INCIRLIK AB TU PRIORITY
RUEKJCS/SECDEF WASHDC//USDP:PDUSDP/ISA:EUR/ISA:NESA// PRIORITY
RUEKJCS/JOINT STAFF WASHDC//J-3/J-5// PRIORITY
RUFOADA/JAC MOLESWORTH RAF MOLESWORTH UK PRIORITY
RUEKDAI/DIA WASHDC PRIORITY
RHMFIUU/USNMR SHAPE BE PRIORITY
RUEHNO/USDELMC BRUSSELS BE PRIORITY
RHMFISS/HQ USEUCOM VAIHINGEN GE PRIORITY
RHMFISS/HQ USCENTCOM MACDILL AFB FL PRIORITY
RUEUITH/ODC ANKARA TU PRIORITY
RUEHAK/USDAO ANKARA TU PRIORITY

UNCLAS ANKARA 004061

SIPDIS

SENSITIVE
SIPDIS

E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: [PREL](#) [MOPS](#) [TU](#) [AF](#) [XD](#) [AORC](#) [NATO](#)

SUBJECT: TURKEY INVITED TO AFGHANISTAN PRT EFFECTIVENESS
CONFERENCE

REF: A. SECSTATE 102464
[1B.](#) SECSTATE 112030

[11.](#) (SBU) We called on the MFA Deputy Director General for South Asia, Babur Hizlan, on July 10 to invite Turkey to the July 20-21 conference on enhancing Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) effectiveness co-sponsored by the governments of Canada and the United States and hosted by the Government of Hungary in Budapest (reftels). Hizlan expressed appreciation for the invitation, about which MFA had already heard from its embassy in Kabul. Hizlan anticipates that Turkish representatives at the conference will be the prospective civilian coordinator for the Wardak Province PRT and a military representative. One of Hizlan's aides called July 11 to inform us that MFA Director General for the Middle East and South Asia, Bozkurt Aran, may attend as well.

[12.](#) (SBU) We also inquired about the latest status of Turkey's PRT in Wardak Province. Hizlan reported that initial operations will probably be delayed until November, since a construction company still has not been named; he believes a company will be named in a few weeks. Nevertheless, Turkey will deliver development aid before construction is completed. In addition, Ambassador Koray Targay, the Turkish Coordinator for Reconstruction in Afghanistan and Iraq, is currently in Wardak with TIKA (the Turkish AID-equivalent) representatives to determine whether any projects can be launched before the PRT is operational. Once operational, Turkey expects that the PRT will be staffed by 60-70 military personnel and 15-20 security personnel for force protection and police training. MFA, MOI, and TIKA short-term personnel will rotate to the PRT as needed.

WILSON